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Not Halley's Comet.

That the star of Bethlehem was not a miraculous heavenly guide but was only the comet which now bears the name of Halley, was the declaration made from his pulpit today by Rev. N. E. Spicer of St. Paul's Universalist church. Mr. Spicer employed arithmetical computation in support of his contention that the comet was due to appear at the time the mysterious star guided the wise men to the birthplace of Christ.

Bible students generally agree, according to Rev. Mr. Spicer, that Jesus was born four years before the time known as the year 1 A. D. Halley's comet is seen regularly at periods from 75 to 76 years. Figuring backward, the pastor said that he had found that the comet was due at the time of the birth of Jesus.

Its movements, also, he declared, were similar to the recorded movements of the star of Bethlehem. It appears in the east and moves in a southward course.

Rev. Spicer's opinion is all right for a theory, but his mathematics would seem to be somewhat hazy. Christ was born, according to his statement, which is admittedly correct, 1914 years ago. Taking 75 years as the periodic time of the comet, it will be found that instead of being visible as the star of Bethlehem, it was 39 years past due, or actually near the extreme point of its course. If we make its period 76 years, it was 14 years outward bound on its long journey through infinite space. Averaging its period at 75½ years, the celestial visitor had sailed away 26 years before the man of Galilee was born. Whatever may have been the star of Bethlehem that led the wise men on their journey from the East until it "stood over the place where the child was," it is mathematically certain that it was not Halley's comet.

JUDGE BARRE PRESIDED.

Probate Judge R. E. Barre of Berrien county was in Paw Paw Thursday to preside in the Probate court during the hearing of the J. F. Bruce contested will case. Judge Anderson was disqualified to preside during the hearing in this case.

GIVE THE GIRL A CHANCE.

C. W. Arnold of the North Western Society for the prevention of vice, will speak in the Baptist church Friday evening May 13. His subject will be "Give the Girl a Chance." A free will offering will be taken.

HARTFORD DEPOT BURNED.

The P. M. depot at Hartford was partially destroyed by fire last Monday. The fire is supposed to have originated from a spark from a passing engine. It is not known whether the depot will be repaired or a new one erected.

ON THE WAY HOME.

A card from J. F. Bullard dated Corona, Cal., May 3, 1910, states as follows: "Please hold my paper as I go to Los Angeles today and will be at home some time this month. I expect to go by way of Seattle, Washington, and Boise City Idaho."

CLERK AT LINDSLEY'S.

Francis Shafer has taken Charley Blackwood's place as clerk in the Lindsley store. Francis is a bright, courteous young man, who will make good and become popular with the trade.

BUILDING BUNGALOW.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dillie are again at their Paw Paw home for the summer. Mr. Dillie is constructing a fine bungalow on his "Point" on Maple lake. It is a delightful spot for a bungalow.

RAILWAY OFFICIALS HERE.

S. B. Downer, chief engineer of the Chicago, Michigan & Indiana electric railway company was in Paw Paw last week. President Roggles of the company was also here for a short stay.

WON GAME FROM LAWRENCE

Paw Paw Athletes Making Good Showing. Defeated Dowagiac for Track Honors. Next Game Wed.

The Paw Paw high school base ball and track teams are making a splendid showing and will be strong contenders for field day honors. They carried off the honors in the track meet at Dowagiac last Saturday, although the base ball team was defeated in a five inning game.

On Wednesday the ball team went to Lawrence, and brought home a well earned victory over the strong team from that place. The score was 9 to 8 in a eleven inning contest. The local team will play the Lawrence boys another game at Athletic park next Wednesday afternoon. Should Paw Paw win this game it will insure their appearance in the final contest on Field day.

LANDED MONSTER PICKEREL.

Thrilling Story Told by Kalamazoo Papers of How Nixon Landed Fish. See Kenyon for Particulars.

The Kalamazoo papers gave considerable space, the first of the week, telling of the terrific struggle W. P. Nixon of that city had with a 15-pound pickerel which he landed from Maple lake last Sunday, after a fight of an hour. The Paw Paw anglers are already familiar with the facts surrounding the big catch, but if any of the Kalamazoo sportsman desire to know about the affair, and the long and terrible struggle which Nixon had (to have the price reduced) communicate with S. O. Kenyon, Paw Paw's popular cigar merchant.

STATE CASE AGAINST M. C. R. R.

Attorney General Getting Ready for Arguments in Big Suit. Will Probably Go to Highest Courts.

The attorneys for the state and Attorney General Bird are getting ready for the arguments in the Michigan Central railroad case before Wiest. This is not due, however, to the resolution recently adopted by the board of state auditors requesting the governor to direct the attorney general to proceed with the case. The date for the arguments will be arranged by opposing attorneys subject, of course, to the wishes of Judge Wiest, and is a matter entirely outside the jurisdiction of the board of state auditors.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

Mrs. George Weston, who has been very ill for several weeks, was taken worse last Sunday, and Mrs. Marsh, Mr. Weston's sister of Great Bend, Kansas, was sent for. Mrs. Weston is some better at this writing, but is still in a critical condition. Lung trouble is the cause of her sickness, and she is kept in a tent during the day time, in order to get the fresh air. Monday, Nov. 14, remain to assist Weston in caring for the sick woman.

LINCOLN DAY CELEBRATION.

The semicentennial anniversary of the nomination of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency will be celebrated in Kalamazoo next Wednesday, May 18. Speakers of state and national reputation, including Vice President Sherman, will be present. The Lincoln voters league have extended a cordial invitation to the public to be present on that day.

PIONEERS WILL MEET.

Rev. I. P. Bates was in Hartford on Monday last to make arrangements for the fortieth annual meeting of the Van Buren County Pioneer association, which will meet there on Friday, June 10th. Hon. Philip T. Colgrove, a speaker of state reputation, has been secured as orator of the day.

VISITED SON AT COLUMBUS.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Decker returned last Saturday from a trip to Columbus, O., where they had been to visit their son Royal, who is in the law department of the university there. They also visited Mr. Decker's old home at Pemberville, Ohio, on their return.

ABSOLUTELY NO GOOD.

A band of gypsies passed through Paw Paw last Monday. If any one knows why the Creator ever placed these dirty, greasy, good for nothing, lazy grafters on the face of the earth he would confer a favor by dropping a line to The True Northerner office.

TO BE PITIED.

Frank Wilson, a hobo, is to be pitied. He was sentenced from Bangor to serve 30 days in the county jail for drunkenness. The worst part of it is that he is at present the only inmate of that institution. Think of the horrors of it. All alone in that great dreary stone bastille.

BASE BALL TOMORROW.

The Bloomingdale high school base ball team will cross bats with the locals at Athletic park tomorrow (Saturday) at 3 p. m. Both teams are strong and the game will be a hummer.

VILLAGE BOARD OF REVIEW.

Notice is hereby given, that the assessment roll of the village of Paw Paw for 1911 has been completed, and will be reviewed by the Board of Review of said village, on Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, 1911, at the council rooms in said village. Any person deeming himself aggrieved in any manner by the assessment of his property may be heard at that time.

Said board of review will be in session from 9 o'clock a. m. to 4 o'clock p. m. of each of those days.

1412 JEROME C. WARNER,
Village Assessor.

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May Festival

OF THE

South Haven Choral Society

AT SOUTH HAVEN

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1910

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Part 2. "The Pagoda of Flowers," in full costume and suitable stage settings by above artists, with Miss L. Jette Strong at the piano.

Evening Concert—Gaul's beautiful Sacred Cantata, "The Holy City," by Choral Society chorus of 100 voices; children's chorus of 50 voices, above artists as soloists; Miss Elsie Hoertz, harpist; all under direction of Mr. Eugene Woodhams, director of Choral Society.

Tickets on sale in Paw Paw after Monday, May 16.

Both Concerts, 85 cents; Single Concert, 50 cents.

Arrangements are being made for special train to return over Fruit Belt line after the evening concert.

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